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Physician-A-Month Sought To Give Time In Bangladesh

William Peeler, a layman from Miami, Florida, has been enlisted to go to Faridpur, Bangladesh to assist missionaries in coordinating the activities of physicians who will be enlisted from Mississippi to participate in the "Physician or Physicians-Team-A-Month" Program. He is 28, unmarried, and a graduate of the University of Miami.

The Physician-A-Month Program is being sponsored and coordinated by the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Elmer Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department, will seek to enlist at least one physician and, in addition, some assistance to the physician, in order to provide a physician-a-month in the Faridpur area of Bangladesh. It is anticipated that physicians who participate will be responsible for their transportation expenses to and from Bangladesh, as well as cost of living while there.

Mr. Peeler will be paying his own transportation expenses to and from Bangladesh and will pay his entire cost of living for the one-year period during which he will render service. The probable cost to him will be in excess of \$4,200.

Mr. Peeler's part in this program began while Dr. W. Eugene Grubbs, Foreign Mission Board, was in Bangladesh during July. The two missionary families who live in Faridpur asked him if a young man could be enlisted to assist them with coordination of the activities of the physicians while in Bangladesh. Dr. Grubbs' mind turned to William Peeler, who had contacted him at least a year previously in reference to his desire to participate in an overseas mission experience. Mr. Peeler had wanted to assist in the operation of the orphanage sponsored by the Vietnamese Baptists in the Camranh Bay area of that country. (Prior to attending college, Mr. Peeler served with the U. S. Armed Forces in Vietnam.)

When Vietnam fell in April of 1975, Mr. Peeler indicated a willingness to assist with ministries to the orphans upon their arrival in the United States. When the orphans arrived, adequate care was available for them, so Mr. Peeler requested Dr. Grubbs to find another place in the orient in which he could invest himself for a period of one year.

He should arrive in Bangladesh somewhere around the first of December. The delay is due to difficulties involved in getting visas into that country.

Weber Urges: 'Let's Not Waste Ammunition On Each Other'

NASHVILLE (BP) — The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, speaking here, urged proponents of evangelism and social action — both valid functions of ministry — to "get on with the task of winning our world to Christ and not waste ammunition on each other."

"When a church evangelizes and fails to disciple the total man to defeat his social problems in the power of the Spirit, it is not a true New Testament church," Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., told members of the SBC's Christian Life Commission during the commission's annual meeting.

"And when a church commits itself to social action without evangelism first, that church dies," he declared.

"There is no segment of the Southern Baptist Convention life which has been under fire, so constantly, as the Christian Life Commission — even the Sunday School Board," said Weber of the SBC's social concerns agency.

"This doesn't surprise us and in a sense this role of the Christian Life Commission is to help us maintain a creative tension between doctrine and practice. . . . We have not always said the right thing in the right way and it has created unnecessary tension, but in balance and in fairness we are better people and have a greater respect in the secular world because of the continual reminder and prodding of our conscience by the Christian Life Commission," he said.

"There must be less criticism on the part of people committed to either side of the question (evangelism and social action) and more love and understanding about God's objective for our world," he said.

"There is too much 'talk' and not enough 'walk' among all of us who preach either, or rather, both, purposes of God — faith and social concern. Let us get on with the task of winning our world to Christ and not waste our ammunition on each other. Save it for the Devil and his demons."

"One encouraging thing about the Christian Life Commission is that you have broadened your base to include more social issues. One of the unfortunate things is that for years the commission was thought of in terms of integration when actually there is so much more. The commission is informing the convention well about its many concerns."

Speaking of the need of the Christian faith to be active in influencing the world to confront its problems, Weber recalled a request by a group of white ministers that black pastors help them in a liquor fight in one of the eastern states.

"The president of the black ministers' association refused by saying, 'We asked you for help when we were discriminated against in restrooms, dining rooms, buses and at the ballot and your group said the primary work of your church was to convert souls of men and that social problems would take care of themselves. So you preach the gospel and get born-again men to solve this (the liquor) problem.'"

But Weber added: "Let us not make the mistake in believing that social concern is first in God's concern. Personal evangelism is first. Man cannot handle personal rights, economic security, the move from the ghetto, better education, building better homes and families or resolving personal social problems unless he is a new man in Christ."

"The history of revival and

evangelism proves that when the gospel is faithfully proclaimed, it calls for social renewal. God's two hands must work together — personal faith and social action."

He noted that the Apostle Paul's letters to the Galatians, Ephesians and Colossians are "almost equally divided in doctrine and application" and that "James is the most practical book in the Bible and reminds that faith with-

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JOURNEY OF THE SUN—The sun passes Autumn's leaves on its way to Winter. (RNS Photo by Tom Loring)

Missionary To Angola Tells Of Tense Exodus

LUANDA, Angola (BP) — Letters recommending their immediate evacuation were waiting for the Southern Baptist missionaries when they returned from their morning errands.

The journey from the war-ridden Angolan nation to the safety of South West Africa was to take them 48 hours, through 42 checkpoints and across 1,000 miles. Evacuating would be Mr. and

Mrs. Harrison H. Pike, Mr. and Mrs. James V. Holland and their three-year-old son, Loren, journeyman Tress Miles and summer missionary Bo Jackson. Two other families assigned to Angola were in South Africa on leave.

"Since November of last year, companies had been evacuating their families from Luanda. We as a mission (organization of mis-

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"New Day For Training" Goal Set At 1,196

NASHVILLE — An average of one new church training program for each of the 1,196 Southern Baptist associations is the goal of church training leaders sponsoring "New Day for Training" on April 4, 1976.

Mississippi associational leaders, Church Training Department, and the Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board are working in a joint effort to

start the new church training units on or before April 4.

In Mississippi the goal is to begin 76 new church training programs between October 1, 1975, and April 4, 1976. A procedure for reporting will be publicized later, according to Kermit S. King, director of the Mississippi Church Training Department.

Philip B. Harris, secretary of

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Crises Issues And Record Budget, Focus Of CLC Meet

NASHVILLE (BP)—The world hunger and public education crises and Baptist participation in the bi-centennial drew the attention of members of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission during the commission's annual meeting here.

The commission also urged the Federal Communications Commission to hold public hearings to consider complaints on television programming exploiting sex and violence, and explored the relationship of evangelism and social action.

In other developments, the commission gave its 1975 Distinguished Service Award to J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission; set a record budget; and re-elected its officers.

The commissioners also voted statements opposing moral laxity in sexual behavior in America and supporting enactment of "a morally responsible program of national health security."

On sexual misbehavior, the commission statement said, "We adhere to God's ideal of sexual purity before marriage and sexual fidelity in marriage. We urge all people to stand against adultery and for sexual purity, sexual integrity and sexual responsibility."

Phil D. Strickland, an attorney and associate secretary of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, declared that "the issue

of hunger and the Southern Baptist Convention's response to it may be one of the best barometers to our integrity and our caring as a denomination."

Strickland spent 10 weeks this summer, financed by the Texas and SBC Christian Life Commissions, interviewing representatives of 60 different hunger organizations in Washington and traveling in the hardest-hit hunger areas in the third world.

"I do not have any conclusive, quick answers. It would be foolish of me to even say I am an expert on this growing, hurtful problem," Strickland said. "But, as related to Southern Baptists, I have some impressions on the subject of hunger."

"Provincialism and our ignorance of international events and the consequences of these events is sin. Southern Baptists must gain a sense of what international

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Hensley Receives 1975 Distinguished Service Award

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was presented the 1975 Dis-

tinguished Service Award of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, in a special ceremony in Nashville, Tenn.,

on September 16.

The presentation was made at a dinner meeting at Nashville's First Baptist Church. The session was a part of the regular September meeting of the Christian Life Commission.

Members of the Commission from all over the nation were present for the ceremony, and number of guests from across the convention also were present.

Mrs. Hensley, and Dr. and Mrs. Hensley's son, Dana, and his wife were among the guests.

Mississippi Baptists were represented by Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Picayune, and chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission, and by Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record.

Presiding at the meeting was Lloyd Crawford of Golden, Colorado, Chairman of the Christian Life Commission.

Special music was provided by Mary Fern (Mrs. Harry) Hollis, wife of an associate on the Christian Life Commission staff. She was accompanied by Morgan Lowery.

The presentation of the award was made by Dr. Foy Valentine, the executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission.

Dr. Valentine explained the purpose of the award, and told of others to whom it had been presented. He said that the Christian Life Commission was "not an educational institution so it cannot confer honorary doctor's degrees." Because of this it has chosen the award plan of recognizing outstanding achievement in the field of social ethics.

Dr. Valentine read the award statement from the presentation plaque. It is inscribed as follows:

"The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention presents to Dr. J. Clark Hensley The Disting-

Senate Panel Rejects Abortion Amendments

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP) — Anti-abortion and so-called "pro-life" groups were handed a major setback in their campaign to push through Congress is constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's historic 1973 decision permitting legal abortions.

A U. S. Senate subcommittee voted here not to propose to the Judiciary Committee adoption of such an amendment. Had both the Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments and the full Judiciary Committee approved one of several proposed amendments, the full Senate would have been forced to vote on the measure.

The subcommittee's action comes after 18 months of public hearings during which 84 witnesses were heard, and it virtually kills chances in the present Congress for passage of an abortion amendment.

Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.), the panel's chairman, said that he feels it "highly unlikely" that the full Judiciary Committee, of which his subcommittee is a part, would vote to report to the full Senate such an amendment in defiance of the subcommittee action.

The panel's action is in harmony with positions taken by both the Southern Baptist Convention

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L to r: Lloyd Crawford of Colorado, chairman, Christian Life Commission, SBC; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi; and Dr. Foy Valentine, executive secretary-treasurer, Christian Life Commission, SBC.

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justice really means. For what we do in the United States, though we pay little attention to it, has a vital and, many times, a devastating effect upon the third world.

"On the issue of hunger, as far as Christendom is concerned, we are 'eating dust' on the issue. People who are doing something about hunger are not Christians mostly. Organizations that are trying to do something about hunger

are basically not Christian. So many of these people are doing more Christian-like acts than we have ever thought of. We are behind in dealing with the issue—not only behind, but far behind."

Strickland, who directs the program of citizenship and legislative concerns for Texas Baptists, noted that his statements were "very strong," but said, "I have come to a very clear conviction that we, as a denomination, have a very heavy responsibility to respond to the cries of hunger around the world."

Another speaker, Frank Stagg, professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, also spoke forcefully on the hunger issue in a far ranging address on the need for a prophetic Christian voice on a number of world issues.

"It is an ugly scandal that the world falls into two camps: weight watchers and the starving," he declared. "We have grain for Russia, but little for Africa."

The commissioners voted \$9,000

to develop a coordinated communications plan on hunger, including a comprehensive packet to be circulated among Baptist leaders.

Expressing concern over the crises surrounding busing and other pressing issues in the realm of public education the commission voted to include discussion of it at its annual seminar in Washington next March. Commissioners also voted for the staff to conduct a colloquy on public school education next year.

The resolution on television sex and violence, sent to FCC Chairman Richard E. Wiley and members of the FCC, declared that the "exploitation of sex and violence on television is a national disgrace" and that the networks have repeatedly failed to meet their responsibility to conduct themselves as morally responsible guests in the homes of the American people.

The resolution urged the FCC, which it said has a responsibility to deal with complaints about "misuse of the airwaves," hold a

public hearing to "consider the complaints and grievances of American citizens regarding television programming that exploits sex and violence."

The commission's statement requested the opportunity for the SBC Christian Life Commission to give testimony at the hearings.

Commission Executive Secretary Foy Valentine told the commission that Lee Porter, director of organization since 1972, has resigned and will do additional graduate study at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, to convert his doctor of theology degree to a doctor of philosophy degree with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. The commission authorized a letter of appreciation for Porter's work.

SBC President Jaroy Weber, in a breakfast meeting with commission members, frankly discussed the tension between Baptists who disagree on the role of evangelism and social action.

In an address on the state of the agency, Foy Valentine, Christian Life Commission executive secretary, said an important part of Baptist heritage "is the acceptance of both the prophetic and priestly, both the radical and conservative dimensions of the gospel."

"The Christian Life Commission does not deny the validity of the priestly; but it is our special, and in Southern Baptist life, our unique responsibility to affirm the validity of the prophetic."

On the subject of civil religion, Valentine said, "The Christian Life Commission must help Southern Baptists reject civil religion because its unitarianism ignores the scandal of the cross, the exclusiveness of biblical religion and the peculiarity of the religion which insists that God has shown humanity his face in Jesus Christ."

He said that Baptists have a past worth celebrating, a present worth possessing and a future worth securing, and that the Christian Life Commission "has a place to fill a dream to follow, a calling to obey."

MC Begins New Office Hours

New office hours have been announced for several of the administrative offices at Mississippi College in an effort to better serve the needs of the students and the general public.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, said that effective immediately the Registrar's Office and the Business Office will be open to the student and the general public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The two offices will continue their 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule, but the first two hours in the morning and the last two in the evening will be set aside to meet the tremendous paper work required in these two areas.

The Registrar's Office will also remain open on Monday afternoons until 7 p.m. to transact business for evening school students or any student who cannot come in during the 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. hours.

In another change, the offices of the President, the School of Law, the Graduate School, and Student Affairs will remain open during noon hour each day for the transaction of business. These offices are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

All other administrative offices at the college are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but are closed during the noon hour.

BH Topics For October

Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, in his 16th year as "Baptist Hour" speaker in October will continue the theme, "Living All Your Life."

"Two subtle enemies to living all your life to the fullest are yesterday and tomorrow," he says October 5 in the sermon titled "The Only Time There Is."

Hobbs urges listeners to develop likeable traits in "You Are Stuck With Yourself," saying "You should so live that you command your own self respect, make yourself one with whom you enjoy living. You must never condone in yourself that which you condemn in others."

The October 19 sermon, "Speak Out, Brother," encourages Christians to "speak out against the evil times, for to remain silent makes the silent a party to the crime."

In "Watch Your Language," on October 26, he reminds that language is a potential good or evil, can poison people's lives, and reveals what you are.

Hensley Gets 1975 Service Award



L to r: Mrs. J. Clark Hensley; Rev. Bill Duncan, pastor of First Church, Picayune, and chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Christian Action Commission; Dr. J. Clark Hensley; and Dr. Foy Valentine.

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ished Service Award for Leadership in Christian Social Ethics.

"In recognition of unique and outstanding contributions in applied Christianity as

—Courageous Pioneer
—Effective Fellow Laborer
—Tireless Champion of Family Life
—Compassionate Friend
—Faithful Steward of the Gospel
—Consistent Doer of the Word

September 16, 1975.

In an address responding to the presentation, Dr. Hensley said in part:

"I am pleased to accept this award as reflecting the concern and realistic approach of the men who have served with me on the Christian Action Commission in Mississippi and the many pastors and lay people who have actively responded to our leadership."

"Christians need to shun 'play-like' Christianity," he continued.

Unfortunately, some Baptists celebrate Halloween each Sunday. They wear a mask to church. And, by attitude at least, some say to the pastor, 'Trick or Treat.' ... They expect entertainment—or merit marks, such as 'Chalk up one for me, I'm here' or 'Preacher, you'd better have a good talk today if you expect me to be back.' ...

"Jesus was most severe in his judgment upon the hypocrites—or play actors," he declared.

"If my Christian experience is authentic," he said, "I should not be either embarrassed or too timid to witness."

"After all, I am not commending myself, but my friend and savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. To the believer, the gospel message is made credible by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. To the non-believer, the gospel message is made credible by a redeemed life. To the non-believer, the question is, 'Are you for real?' The non-believer is not convinced until he sees a demonstration of a change in attitudes and actions by the professing Christian."

"While our preaching and teaching must be relevant to our needs," he declared in urging proper attention to the social as well as spiritual implications of the gospel, "it must also be authentic and therefore credible."

The integrity of the one witnessing "must validate the witness." When churches "fail to witness with integrity, the witness is nullified," he continued. "To give credibility to their testimony, churches must demonstrate active social concern for all people, whether or not they add statistically to the annual association report."

"As we struggle with our imperfections and immaturities toward growing into the fullness of the stature of Christ, we watch for the signs of the fruits of the spirit—love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, meekness, patience," he said.

"For it is when these fruits are accompanied by service to others that we give authenticity to our claim to be a Christian. 'To be and not to seem'—this is the desperate need of our time. Both the vertical and horizontal dimensions of the gospel are needed for credibility."

"The authentic Christian is called to demonstrate, in every facet of human experience, the practical application of the gospel described in such phrases as to bind up the broken hearted, 'to visit the windows and the orphans,' 'to give a cup of cold water,' 'to proclaim liberty to the captive,' 'to feed the hungry,' 'to love mercy and deal justly.'"

"Churches too often have interpreted these statements as applying only to spiritual concerns. Or, if any lifestyle application is made, it is applied only to 'looking after our own.' This travesty of the gospel tends to make it incredible to others. Churches exist to build men in the mood of faith, not doubt; of hope, not despair; of love, not denunciation or fault-finding."

"I pray for each of you, as for myself," concluded Dr. Hensley that we seek to demonstrate authentic Christianity, and that as a result it may be said of us, as of one of another generation: 'In the worst of times he did the best of things.'"

Past recipients of the Christian Life Commission Distinguished Service Award are: 1965, Brooks Hays; 1966, T. B. Maston; 1967, A. C. Miller; 1971, Henlee H. Burnette; 1972, Jimmie R. Allen; 1973, Walker L. Knight and Arthur B. Rutledge; 1974, W. Randall Lolley.

Dr. Hensley has been Executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention since July 1, 1968.

He was born in Missouri and is married to the former Margaret Sipes. They have three children, Dana, Gary and Clark Jr.

He received the A. B. degree from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, and the Th.M. and the Th.D. degrees from Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, where he also served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Education for three years.

Dr. Hensley pastored churches in Missouri and Tennessee for twenty-eight years and came to Mississippi in 1958 to serve as Superintendent of Missions for the Hinds County Association. He filled that position until he moved to the Christian Action Commission in 1968.

He is the author of six books: The Pastor as Education Director, In the Heart of the Young, My Father is Rich, I Remember Roxie, Behaving at Home (co-authored with Mrs. Hensley) and Help for Single Parents and Those Who Love Them.

He is a member of a number of state and national organizations on family relations.

Carl Dickerson Is New Pastor At Clinton Boulevard

Rev. Carl T. Dickerson has accepted the pastorate of the Clinton Boulevard Church, 4935 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, and will begin his ministry there on Sunday, September 28.



He comes from the pastorate of Pleasant Hill Church, Bogie, Chitto.

He will preach at both services Sunday, and the congregation will welcome him and his wife with a reception after the evening service.

A native of Jackson, Mr. Dickerson grew up in Alta Woods Church, where his parents still are active members.

He is a graduate of Province High School, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi College, and the Master of Divinity and Master of Religious Education degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He expects, in a short time, to complete his work toward a Doctor of Religious Education degree.

Before his ministry at the Pleasant Hill church he served as interim pastor at Roseland Church, Roseland, La., and at Chenure Mission, Grand Isle, La.

He has been active in the work of the Lincoln County Baptist Association, and recently has been vice-president and president-elect of the Pastors' Conference.

Mr. Dickerson is married to the former Margaret Sebren, who also is from Jackson, and is a graduate of Forest Hill High School.

"Hiding Place" To Be Unveiled At Beverly Hills September 29

The product of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association's most ambitious cinematic undertaking will be unveiled September 29 in Beverly Hills, California, when "The Hiding Place" is given a star-studded, invitational world premiere.

Produced at a cost of over one million dollars by the non-profit Association's World Wide Pictures, the film relates the World War II story of Corrie ten Boom, devout Dutch Christian, first told in her autobiographical best-seller of the same title.

The premiere will be attended by Billy Graham, Corrie ten Boom, the stars of the film and many Hollywood celebrities.

The production focuses not only upon Miss ten Boom's tremendous faith in Jesus Christ but also upon that of Betsie, her physically weaker but spiritually stronger sister, and the almost incredible tests to which they were put while imprisoned at Ravensbruck, a

Nazi death camp for women. Here they shared their faith with many inmates as well as with their persecutors.

The sisters were incarcerated after a raid on the ten Boom home in Haarlem, seat of an underground force led by Corrie ten Boom and dedicated to helping Jews escape capture by the Nazis who invaded Holland.

Scene of the film's gala launching will be the Beverly Theatre. During the first three weeks following the premiere, the company will begin the four-wall exhibition of the picture in 379 cities in 12 Western and Southwestern states.

Jeannette Clift, a Texas discovery, stars as Corrie ten Boom.

The Allan Sloane - Lawrence Holben screenplay was filmed in Holland and England with Frank Jacobson, WWP executive vice president, as the producer, and James F. Collier as the director.

(Present plans are for showing the film in Mississippi, next Spring.)

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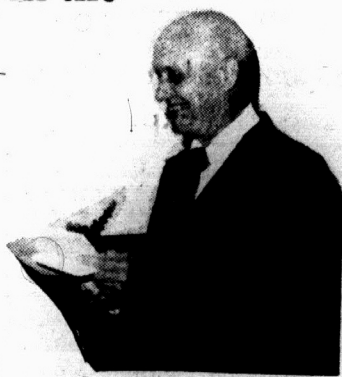
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Senate Panel Rejects

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(SBC) and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here.

The SBC adopted a resolution at its 1971 meeting in St. Louis urging Southern Baptists "to work for legislation that will allow the possibility of abortion under such conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental and physical health of the mother."

That SBC position was reaffirmed in 1974 at the convention's annual meeting in Dallas.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, refusing to take a position for or against abortion as such, did instruct its staff in 1973 to oppose all proposed constitutional amendments on abortion. The committee felt that a controversial moral issue, such as abortion, should not be the subject of a constitutional amendment.

In addition, the committee felt that civil and religious liberties would be restricted by such proposed amendments to the Constitution.

When The Holy Spirit Comes

Second in a series of four articles
By J. Terry Young
Dr. J. Terry Young is associate professor of theology, New Orleans Seminary.

It seems to me that you are saying that you want a special experience with tangible proof that the Holy Spirit has come into your life. Proof that is extraordinary, miraculous, decisive, in an experience that forms part of the conscious maturing Christian life. Let's talk about a special experience.

I agree with your insistence that there ought to be something more to the Christian life than just walking down the aisle to make a profession of faith and having your name added to the church roll. I, too, think it is unfortunate that many Christians never get is something more.

The something more is the process of Christian growth. For some it is a steady, upward development, seemingly without in-

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the Church Training Department at the Sunday School Board, said the "New Day for Training" emphasis could provide "the greatest forward thrust for church training in recent history."

If attendance in new church training units averages 30 persons, it would mean a total of 35,880 more people engaged in Christian training.

Two packets and a brochure are available from the Mississippi Church Training Department office at no cost for churches starting a new church training program. The brochure is entitled "Starting an Adult Church Training Program."

The first packet, "A Package of Materials to Help Start a Church Training Program," is a five-Sunday-night study of basic questions which lead to the beginning of a church training program.

The "Pastor's Church Training Starter Kit" is a new packet which provides worksheets to help a church make necessary preparations for a new church training program.

terruption. For more, it may be a series of plateaus with rather noticeable steps up between them. But in both cases it is the development of what is inherent in the Christian life from the beginning: growing in fellowship with God, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit who brought us to conversion.

The fact that some do not begin this serious growth and fellowship with God until later does not mean they had to have a second blessing or special experience of some sort. It only means that they have delayed enjoying what was beyond this stage of spiritual immaturity in their conversion from the beginning.

You frequently mention gifts of the Holy Spirit as proof of the presence of the Holy Spirit in me. Yes, I do realize that you charismatics are talking about more than healing and speaking in tongues but inevitably these two matters come into our conversation—and they are the center of wide-spread controversy in Christian circles today. I want to talk more about the gifts of the Holy Spirit later.

I almost seem to me that you are very much like some of the people of Jesus' day — asking for signs and miracles. Though he did many miraculous things, he always turned down the request for signs and wonders.

Please understand that I believe fancy. They sit in church and

A Non-Charismatic Writes To His Charismatic Friends

look bored. I fully agree that there is the miraculous and the supernatural as much as you do. I have seen God work in miraculous ways. I am not arguing that. I am saying, however, that God also works in quite ordinary ways. He is not restricted to using only the supernatural. In fact, he works much more often through the ordinary than through the extraordinary.

Now, let's talk about your insistence that Christians must seek a special experience of receiving the Holy Spirit. You mentioned Luke 24:49 and Acts 1:4 where Jesus, at his ascension, told his followers to tarry in Jerusalem until they should receive the promised coming of the Holy Spirit.

You are making the mistake of taking a particular, unrepeatable historical occasion and are trying to make it a normative experience which we should all seek. Up to the time of his ascension, Jesus had been physically present to guide his followers. As long as he was with them in the flesh, he was localized in the human body.

When Jesus ascended, the Holy Spirit came to universalize his presence and leadership. Jesus arose and the Holy Spirit descended a few days later, as promised. There is no way that it can be repeated any more than God could repeat the creation or the cross for us. When once it is done, it is done. The command to "tarry in Jerusalem" is to wait for the Holy Spirit to come to you for a specific occasion and was not meant for any other people or time.

Incidentally, since you insist that we should tarry until we receive the Holy Spirit, I must insist that you take the whole commandment and not just a part of it. The commandment is to tarry in Jerusalem. I think you ought to be consistent and take the whole verse, not just part of it.

Apart from the initial circle of disciples, there is no indication in scripture that receiving the Holy Spirit is to be a second experience of some kind following conversion.

You make frequent reference to Acts 19:1-7 when Paul found a group of John's disciples at Ephesus. Paul asked if they had received the Holy Spirit. They responded that they had not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit. They knew only the teaching and baptism of John the forerunner, not that of Jesus. Paul taught

them of Jesus, led them into Christian baptism and then they received the Holy Spirit.

The point of this passage is that the reception of the Holy Spirit is related to Christian conversion, not a separate experience. They had been disciples of John, not Jesus. It is a misuse of this scripture to make it mean that Christians must seek an experience of the Holy Spirit during the Christian life at some point after conversion. The only time that ever happened was for the initial disciples in the transition at the close of Jesus' earthly ministry.

Charismatics who are in churches which do not emphasize the conversion experience can be understood in their insistence upon a conscious experience of some sort for the recognition of the Holy Spirit. If they have come through a tradition where Christian faith is a matter of formality—christening at birth, confirmation at twelve, etc.—it is no wonder that they seize upon a personal experience of religious vitality, whatever it be called.

For Baptists, who have always insisted upon a vital, personal experience of conversion, it is harder to understand the feeling of a need of a separate experience for the reception of the Holy Spirit. It is the coming of the Holy Spirit into one's life that makes him a Christian, according to Romans 8:9.

What I am saying is that the Holy Spirit comes into one's life at the time of his conversion. If he is given proper guidance and nurture he will grow in Christian grace, becoming marked by the fruits of the Spirit and equipped with the gifts of the Spirit. Unfortunately, something happens to stunt the growth of many babes in Christ. For one reason or another they do not grow towards maturity. Their Christian experience is shallow and formal, rather meaningless. But God is not content to leave them that way.

Later, something happens "to turn them on." They come to a new appreciation for what the Christian life is about and have a profound deeper experience with God. It may be what they are mistakenly calling the baptism of the Holy Spirit is simply a fresh awakening, a delayed realization of what was implicit in the Christian life from its beginning, life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

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CBS To Air BWA Report

"New People For A New World," the CBS report on the recent Baptist World Alliance conference in Stockholm will be aired on the network's "Lamp Unto My Feet," at 10:30 a.m. EST, September 28, 1975.

Featured on the program will be Dr. V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, BWA president; David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong, elected new president of the BWA; Karl-Heinz Walter of Hamburg, West Germany, chairman of the BWA Youth Committee, and Mrs. Marie Mathis of Waco, Texas, president of the BWA Women's Department.

Also spotlighted will be interviews with several of the young people attending the Congress.

Weber Urges . . .

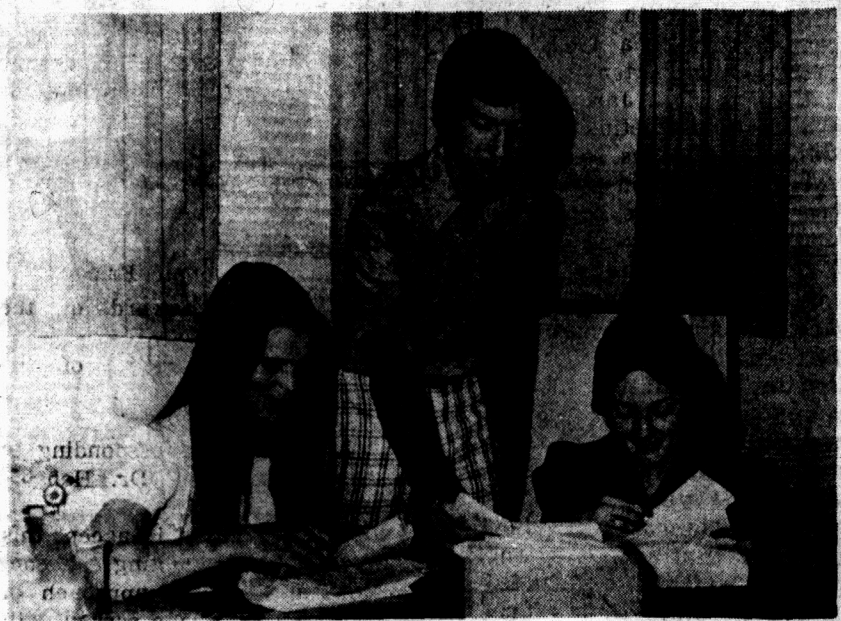
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out works is dead."

Citing the ministry of Jesus, Weber declared, "He went where people were lonely, depressed, dejected and degenerate. He dissolved their disease of sin and treated it. He raised the dead, healed the sick and fed the hungry, but only to redeem. He taught of the kingdom of God but never left out the sociological implications of the gospel."

Weber said he has observed that "many of our great evangelistic churches in our convention are totally involved in social ministries and are aggressively seeking to build a better world in which to live."

But, he added, "When evangelism is deleted as a preacher's first emphasis and social issues his only interest, his ministry becomes meaningless, and many who have followed this course changed to government jobs and found it less prophetic than the pulpit."

WHEATRIDGE, Colo. (RNS)—The Rev. Ben C. Subar, Jr., 58, a Baptist minister from Maine, has been nominated as the presidential candidate of the Prohibition Party. The 106-year-old party held its annual convention west of the Mississippi for the first time in its history. Some 100 delegates from 19 states attended the meeting, held at Beth Eden Baptist Church in this suburban Denver community.



Plan Parents' Day At MC

Parents of students at Mississippi College are to be honored with a special "Parents Day" on Saturday, Sept. 27, and busily preparing invitations to them are, from the left, Diana Williams, Water Valley; Dale McPhail, Clinton; and Kathy Jackson, Hazlehurst. A full program is planned and parents will be guests at the Mississippi College vs. Livingston (Ala.) University football game at 3 p.m. on Robinson Field. (M. C. Photo by Norman H. Gough)

Board Extends Free Toll Service

DALLAS — The toll free, INFO DIAL telephone service to the SBC Annuity Board has been extended for the remainder of 1975. The number to call nationally is 1-800-527-4767. Residents of Texas dial 1-800-492-2182.

INFO DIAL is open coast to coast between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Central Time Zone), Monday through Friday. Board officials said the service will be evaluated and a decision made in December whether to make INFO DIAL a permanent system.

Tense Exodus From Angola

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sionaries) first evacuated women and children from Luanda in May," Mrs. Pike said. "Now to leave Angola when there was so much to be done, with so many people depending on us, was a hard choice to make."

Plans were set in motion. They decided to leave after church Sunday morning. Early on Sunday morning camping equipment, mission records, food and water, diesel fuel, personal belongings, dog food and one of the two German Shepherd dogs belonging to the Pikes were packed into the lead of the convoy. Three vehicles would go to Nova Lisboa where the Hollands would join the Pikes, Jackson and Miss Miles.

The service that morning was particularly meaningful. The Pikes said goodbye to their congregation, including their son's mother-in-law. Just days earlier some children stopped playing war to ask the missionaries for something to decorate the walls of their rooms at home. Mrs. Pike had promised them something. Sunday three of them, scrubbed and nicely dressed, showed up at services.

"It was difficult to tell them we were leaving Luanda — for a time. We gave them big posters from the reconciliation campaign and some Bible picture cards we had made; and we entrusted to their care some Gospels of John and tracts to share with their friends. We promised we would be back when we could, then we would make many other things to beautify their homes and their lives."

"It was a beautiful, sunshiny Sunday," Mrs. Pike said. "Many of those kilometers (on the way to Nova Lisboa) were through tall elephant grass, picturesque scenery which we love so well, free of people and signs of war; yet we never got out of the possibility of danger in all those 450 miles."

When they arrived at the Hollands' home at 10:30 that night, they had seen hundreds of soldiers and been through 24 checkpoints. From the first checkpoint until the last, Pike would step from the truck, extend his hand, and identify himself by name and as a missionary. They handed out Gospels of John and tracts, always in friendly conversation, said Mrs. Pike.

"Each checkpoint held its own challenge. Each was different," she said. "We sensed our Sunday had been a real evangelistic opportunity. Carolyn, James and little Loren (the Hollands) were already in bed when we rang their doorbell."

When the door opened and Carolyn saw Harrison, she hugged his neck and said, "I knew you'd come!" For four days Nova Lisboa had been the center of intense fighting but the Pikes had not known.

"When we told them of our evacuation plans, James began telling us the terrible reports he had heard of people trying to get to the South West Africa border, of confiscations of cars, of looting, of raping and beatings. Yet we had the experience from Luanda to Nova Lisboa to give us faith to believe that our God would continue to be sufficient. Our only hope to evacuate would be to reach the border."

The missionaries packed and repacked. Cars had to be refueled. The German shepherd would stay with mission property there. The missionaries slept only two hours.

The night before, the missionaries had seen Loren's little American flag. They draped it from one of the sun visors. Each time they were asked at the checkpoints for their party card, Pike would point to the little American flag, explaining their country had requested they leave Angola until peace could be restored but that they were missionaries and would return.

They encountered fighting, difficult checkpoints and hunting fuel for the convoy. There was one series of three checkpoints said to be impossible to pass. With some difficulty and much discussion they were allowed through the first but told they would not possibly get past the second. There was little resistance at the second, but a warning that the third was impossible to pass. They continued, praying as they went. Simultaneously soldiers on both sides of the road at the third checkpoint waved them through.

"We had already lived through many miracles," Mrs. Pike said, "and had seen many on our exodus, but certainly this was the greatest to that point."

They decided to camp at an airport. As the convoy reached its

destination, drivers turned off headlights and maneuvered the four vehicles (the Hollands' car had been added) into a square so the men could sleep in the middle and the women in locked cars.

"Peace and calm surrounded us. Then Carolyn heard someone approaching and mentioned it to me. I, in turn, spoke to Harrison; but by then all of us could see silhouetted around us perhaps 25 soldiers with guns. Harrison immediately identified us and discovered Christians in the group," Mrs. Pike said.

A very tall member of the group assured them the soldiers did not look for an attack that night but felt the missionaries would be safer within the barbed wire fence of the airport and between the buildings. At 6 a.m. a mortar shot served as an alarm clock, and they quickly broke camp.

At last the final checkpoint was reached. The Angolan soldiers wanted to see what the missionaries had. Willingly they took out suitcases and one by one showed what had been brought. Loren handed out hard candies to the other children, and they all handed out tracts and Gospels. Mrs. Pike taught the children the song "My Best Friend Is Jesus" and promised to return to teach them more songs and stories.

Jackson played his guitar, and everyone talked. One official even invited Harrison to come back through on September 3 to attend his wife's birthday party.

The gate opened for them, and 48 hours, 1,000 miles and 42 checkpoints after leaving the Christians in front of the church in Luanda, the missionaries stood on South West African soil.

They joined hands and sang the Doxology.

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Twenty-four Taiwan missionaries were honored with a reception during the recent annual Taiwan mission meeting. Among those honored were Dr. and Mrs. Oswald J. Quick and Marie Conner, three of the early Southern Baptist missionaries to enter Taiwan. Miss Conner spoke on the early years of mission work in Taiwan and expressed pleasure that the 91 missionaries currently appointed to Taiwan are carrying on that work.

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Scripture Is The Watershed

The Presbyterian Journal
The crucial question today, as every day, is, "What do you think of the Bible?"

Some people do not understand the crucial importance of that question. They are inclined to say, "Let's quit arguing about whether the Bible is or is not the Word of God and let's begin to apply its teachings to the crucial questions of the day!"

But there can be no application of Scripture to the crucial questions of the day until you first decide how you intend to apply Scripture to the crucial questions of the day: as the last word on the subject or as a "socially and historically conditioned" word on the subject.

Students of Scripture themselves sometimes do not realize what it does to one's faith to stop short of a complete willingness to take the Bible "straight" — holding back, and holding out, with reservations and qualifications inserted here and there. Something seems to happen to the mind which is unwilling to "take the plunge" into a complete confidence in "This is what the Bible says!" It is a mind which always seems to tiptoe through Christian truth as though it were walking on eggshells.

With rare insight, Dr. Francis Schaeffer has told the evangelical world just where the line must be drawn for fellowship as well as for an effective ministry. He said it at the Lausanne Congress on Evangel-

ism; he said it to the second General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America; he said it to the three concurrent synods meeting in Beaver Falls, Pa.:

"If evangelicals are to be evangelicals, we must not compromise our view of Scripture. There is nothing gained if we increase in numbers or size if we get soft at the central core, namely, in respect to the Scriptures."

"The issue is clear: Is the Bible 'true truth' and infallible wherever it speaks, including where it touches history and the cosmos, or is it only in some sense God's revelation where it deals with religious subjects?"

"The heart of neo-orthodox existential theology is the idea that the Bible gives us a quarry out of which we can hew the form and substance of religious experience, but that the Bible contains mistakes where it touches subjects that can be verified, namely history and science. Unhappily, we must say that in some circles neo-orthodox existential theology is being taught under the name of evangelicalism."

"The issue is whether the Bible gives propositional truth (that is, truth that can be stated in propositions) where it touches history and the cosmos, all the way back to the first cosmos, all the way back to the first eleven chapters of Genesis, or whether instead it is only trustworthy where it touches 'religious' subjects."

"If faith is separated from fact, if religious beliefs are separated from space-time history, then religion becomes another form of what we today call a 'trip'."

"A strong view of Scripture is the watershed of the evangelical world. The place where the line must be drawn is between those who take a full view of Scripture and those who do not."

Mississippian Honored

A Mississippi Baptist leader was signally honored last week in being chosen for the annual Distinctive Service Award of the Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission.

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention was given that recognition at the annual meeting of the SBC agency in Nashville.

The award has been given almost every year for the past ten to men in the Southern Baptist Convention who have given exceptional service in the field of Christian social ethics. Sometimes the award has gone to laymen, sometimes to pastors, and sometimes to denominational workers.

A native of Missouri, Dr. Hensley has been a Mississippi Baptist since

1958 when he came to the position of Superintendent of Missions for the Hinds County Association. He moved from that position to his present place of leadership in 1966.

During his years as Director of the Christian Action Commission, Dr. Hensley has given Mississippi Baptists outstanding service in the area of social ministries. Perhaps no part of his work has been more marked than in the field of marriage and the family, but he also has given strong emphasis in other areas of Christian ethical concern. His ministry has been so outstanding and so far reaching that the SBC agency decided to recognize it with its highest recognition, the Distinguished Service Award.

We join with the Christian Life Commission in saluting Dr. Hensley for the dedicated service he has given to our people, our churches and our denomination.

NEWEST BOOKS

HOW TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE by Donald Grey Barnhouse (Revell, paper, 85 pp., \$1.95) **SECRETS FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING** by Donald Grey Barnhouse (Revell, 106 pp., paper, \$1.95) Two books which are excerpts from earlier larger books by this famed author. Secrets includes chapters one to four and a Holy Life covers chapters five to eight. Dr. Barnhouse was a widely known radio preacher for many years and pastor of the Tenth Presbyterian Church. His preaching is thoroughly biblical and rich in its application to modern man.

KIDDIES CHRISTIAN COMICS—GOD IS... by Al Hartley (Revell—Spire Books, 32 pp., \$.39) A Christian comic book for tiny children. First of a new series from this publisher.

FRIDAY by John Howard Spahr (Dorance, 45 pp., \$2.95) A poetic presentation of the suffering of Christ on the day of his crucifixion with application of the suffering to that of men through the ages.

WHY JOHNNY CAN'T LEARN by Opal Moore (Mott Media, 182 pp., paper, \$2.95) A documented book on weaknesses in our modern public education system. An amazing and certain to be controversial book exposing some of the problems in the modern education system.

A SENSE OF LIFE, A SENSE OF SIN by Eugene Kennedy (Doubleday, 191 pp., \$6.95) A noted Catholic priest discusses the problem of sin and morality in modern life. This is a plea for personal morality today.

DANIEL'S PROPHECY OF THE 70 WEEKS by Alva J. McClain (Zondervan, 73 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.25) The president of Grace College and Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana, discusses the prophecy in Daniel of 70 weeks predicted for Israel. He divides the period into the first 69 weeks until the coming of the Prince, the parenthetical period between the 69th and 70th weeks and the 70th week and the coming of the Roman Prince. A clear presentation of one of the points in the pre-millennial view.

ILLUSIONS OF SUCCESS by John Curtis Raines (Judson, 128 pp., \$5.95) A discussion of some of the problems of money and even large income in this day of economic change. One noted economist called the book a "spirited expose of American spiritual and economic insolvency," the heavy burden now placed on middle income people.

THE PERSON AND MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT by Edwin H. Palmer (Baker, 196 pp., \$5.95) the subtitle is "The Traditional Calvinistic Perspective" and this is a study of the whole Bible teaching of the Holy Spirit and his ministry. There is a very valuable chap-

ter on the Holy Spirit and tongue teaching.

SATAN: HIS PERSON, WORK, PLACE AND DESTINY by F. C. Jennings (Loizeaux, 254 pp., paper, \$2.50) Reprint of an old classic which presents an exhaustive Bible study of Satan and his work.

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE IN A CHURCH by Martin, Magill, and Mosley (Convention Press, 123 pp., paper, \$1.10) A study course book on how pastors and other church leaders can set up a program of vocational guidance to help young people hear and answer God's call.

TEACHING GUIDE FOR HOSEA: PROPHET OF RECONCILIATION by Max Caldwell (Convention Press, 32 pp., \$1.45) A small booklet designed to give guidance for the teaching of the textbook which is to be used in Southern Baptist January Bible study for 1976.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO STAY MARRIED AND LIKE IT by Bennard R. Wiese and Urban G. Steinmetz (Zondervan, pocket book, paper, 221 pp., \$1.95) Pocket book edition of a book which was written to help married people find the scriptural basis for a happy harmonious life. A discussion of all the relationships of marriage.

GOD/MAN ALIVE by Crissey and Farmer (Convention Press, 160 pp., paper, \$1.25) A study course book on the life and ministry of Christ. One of a series of Bible survey books written especially for youth.

WOMAN LIBERATED by Lois Gunden Clemens (Keats, 142 pp., \$1.75) A study of the true liberation of woman that is taught in the Bible. The book will please neither radical feminists nor male supremacists, but does give a balanced view of the place God has given to woman.

HOW YOU CAN BE SURE YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN by Bob Dryburgh (Keats, pocket book, paper, 142 pp., \$1.75) The author says that a person can know whether he is a Christian. This book shows how doubts and fears can be driven away simply by following the Bible revelation.

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE by John R. W. Stott (InterVarsity, 44 pp., booklet, \$.25) A noted English preacher presented this address at Urbana '73 Interspersary Missionary Convention. It presents the authority of God's Word.

IT'S GETTING LATE by Stanley M. Horton (Gospel Publishing House, pocket book, paper, 123 pp., \$1.25) A practical commentary on the Epistles to the Thessalonians.

NEW TESTAMENT SERMON OUT-

LINEs by J. C. Slatten; **MORE SERMON STARTERS** by E. F. Hallock; **150 TOPICAL SERMON OUTLINES ON 1 CORINTHIANS** by E. C. Horrell; **SERMON OUTLINES FOR CHRISTIANS** by Croft M. Pents (Baker, \$1 each, 30 to 60 pp. each, paper) These new additions to the Dollar Sermon Library are designed to aid the busy minister by putting at fingertip length a wealth of sermon ideas, helps, and illustrations. They represent pulpit giants, past and present.

THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS (A. J. Holman, \$3.95, 35 pp., paper) The New Testament in today's English Version has been edited and rearranged in a continuous narrative by Frank Dell'Isola. It provides a unified view of the life of Christ in language that can be easily understood by anyone.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY CLASSICS, BEN-HUR and CHRISTIAN FAMILY COURAGEOUS (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.25, 127 pp.) Two unforgettable adventure stories are reprinted in lively, colorful picture style, for children. The second story is an adaptation of The Swiss Family Robinson.

SPIRITUAL NUGGETS by Ryburn T. Stanell (Exposition Press, 82 pp., \$.95) This is a devotional book of daily readings, designed to assist in family worship or periods of meditation. Based on the author's weekly newspaper column in The Watson Democrat (N.C.) and the Terry Headlight (Mississippi), these essays touch on man's weaknesses and offer the simple and Christian prescription for their cure. (The author lives in Terry.)

ARAM FINDS THE MASTER by Mary La Pietra (David C. Cook, paper, 75 cents) This entertaining and educational story for children is about an imaginary boy who lived in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The many illustrations are in full color.

MULTIMEDIA HANDBOOK FOR THE CHURCH by Ron Wilson (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.95, 142 pp.) This book is rich with creative ideas for using the new media in the church. It tells you how to use light and sound and motion—photos, slides, films, records, tapes, etc.—to make your church's programs come alive.

BAKER'S POCKET DICTIONARY OF RELIGIOUS TERMS by Donald T. Kauffman (Baker, paper, \$2.95, 445 pp.) This book presents information about significant religious terms, symbols, rites, faiths, movements, orders, sites, ideas, and people. Entries range from major faiths to the smallest religious groups, from religious art and architecture to church history and theology.


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HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY; BUT

MY WORDS SHALL NOT PASS AWAY

—CHRIST (LUKE 21:33)

ALIGNMENT WITH THE ETERNAL

 **Light for Living**
Chester E. Swor

Change Tunes, Perhaps?

"Sing unto the Lord a new song," though urged in Isaiah 41:10 long ago, is a delightfully appropriate suggestion for contemporary Christians — particularly those who have been singing songs of complaint, impatience, discouragement, selfishness, or even rebellion toward God. And toward our fellowmen some new songs would improve both the quality of our thinking and the joy of their living. Some new songs for old suggestions?

1. Songs of gratitude. We are normally so busy asking God for more blessings and favors that most of us neglect to thank him for the uninterrupted flow of his love, care, and guidance. When we become as specific and detailed in thanking our Heavenly Father for past and present provisions as we are in detailing our present requests, a continuing melody of thanksgiving will live not only in our hearts, but, also, on our lips as we share with those about us.

And how long has it been since you really expressed gratitude to those who constantly contribute to the well-being and happiness of your life? Their life journeys, too, would be happier in hearing your song of gratitude!

2. Songs of praise. Praising God for who he is, his infallibility, his unchanging love and care, his perfect righteousness, mercy, and justice — just to mention a few of his infinite attributes involved in his omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence — would keep us more constantly aware of the wonder of our God and our being in his care.

Praising praiseworthy traits and accomplishments of our fellowmen would keep us looking for qualities to praise, not to condemn. And our voicing the praise would bring new melodies into the lives of weary, discouraged, lonely people about us.

3. Songs of surrender. Just as an obedient child brings great joy to an earthly parent, obedient children of God bring joy to His heart. He grieves at our disobedience and rebellion in any aspect of His will for our lives — vocation, love and marriage, home life, work or school lives, leisure-time activities, personal habits, for instance. To live obedience is to translate into a beautiful melody the words of "I Surrender All," "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

4. Songs of faith, particularly in the dark and confusing experiences of life. How the song of Job's faith in his hours of loss and suffering must have brought joy to God's heart! For us to say, "To believe . . . I trust . . . I follow . . . I wait," in our hours of darkness will similarly bring joy to His heart, and encouragement to fellow Christians for their dark hours.

5. Songs of friendship, patience, love, sympathy, understanding, tenderness, and mirth shared with those who journey with us will brighten their roads and lift their loads, while keeping our own hearts tender; and, in the inexorable justice of life, those same songs will be sung to us when our hearts are hungry for strength.

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THE GOSPELS by Benjamin Davies, editor (Baker, paper, 184 pp., \$1.45) This complete English edition is based on The Harmony of the Gospels in Greek by Edward Robinson. Every page includes explanatory notes and references to parallel and illustrative passages. This appendix section discusses special topics of interest from the four Gospels.

On The MORAL SCENE...

A PROPHET SPEAKS TO POLITICIANS — In an address to 2400 political and labor leaders, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn "insisted that the West should rise to the moral level in its political decisions. The exile returned again and again to the spiritual malaise of the West. 'In our heart and soul, we have to realize that it's almost a joke now to speak of good and evil. But they are real concepts, good and evil. They come from a higher source.' . . . A prophet's moral simplifications may not offer an adequate basis for national policy in the highly complex field of foreign relations, but that policy in this country should demonstrably be shaped in light of moral goals and humanitarian ideals. Clearly Mr. Solzhenitsyn, whatever the validity of his political judgments, has voiced a concern shared by many in Washington and elsewhere." (America, July 19, 1975, p. 26)

THE JOB CRISIS — In 1975, the most serious economic downturn since the Great Depression has brought hard times to America. In mid-December, 1974, 6 million persons were out of work in the U.S., setting an unemployment rate of 6.5%—the highest since 1958. By May, 1975, the number of unemployed had jumped to 8.5 million, a rate of 9.2%—the highest rate since 1941. Today, almost one out of every 10 American workers is out of a job. Minorities have suffered even more. The National Urban League . . . estimates the unemployment rate for blacks in the first three months of 1975 to be a whopping 25.8%, or more than 1 in 4. In poverty areas, the rate is estimated to be 50% or more. (FCNL Washington Newsletter, July 1975, No. 372)

"ILLEGAL" SMOKING — Year by year it becomes harder to find a place to light a cigarette legally. Now Minnesota has passed the nation's most sweeping state law to date: "No person shall smoke in a public place or in a public meeting except in designated smoking areas." Possible fine: \$100. The statute even extends to offices, which must be nonsmoking areas unless all employees smoke, though smoking rooms can be set aside. But it does not include bars, and one legal opinion holds that any restaurant that serves liquor can be considered a "bar." Still, the law shifts the balance of power between smoker and non-smoker. It puts the burden on the smoker to find a smoking area, rather than on the non-smoker to find a spot of clean air. (Time, August 18, 1975)

When duty calls some people are never at home.

Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.

Some fellows are so proud of themselves they can strut sitting down.

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Noah: A Man In God's Plan

By Wm. J. Falls
Genesis 6:1 to 9:17
In 1787 a young member of Parliament was converted and decided to enter a church vocation, but some of his friends urged him to stay in the House of Commons and give his Christian witness there. So, William Wilberforce began a fight against slavery and the slave traffic, and he kept at it for the rest of his life. Because slavery was profitable to so many people, it was a fight all the way. But twenty years later Parliament abolished slave trading, and twenty-six years later 700,000 slaves in the British Empire were given their freedom. No one knows what Wilberforce might have accomplished as a pastor or priest, but most people feel that he fitted God's plan admirably as a member of Parliament. Today's lesson focuses on another man who felt called to an unpopular task, building a boat on dry land.



The Lesson Explained
A Decision Against Wickedness

Genesis 6:13
Chapter 5 tells of Adam's third son, Seth, and his son and grandsons up to the time when Noah had three sons of his own. Then chapter 6 tells how wickedness proliferated as the population expanded. Man became so bad that "every imagination of the thought of his heart was only evil continually." God was grieved at the awful spectacle; "repented" in verse 6 does not mean that he was sorry he had created man but that he was greatly disturbed about the way man was turning out. God's one hope for the future seemed to be in Noah. Because he was truly righteous and loyal and mature in his relationship with God, "he was a pleasure to the Lord" (v. 8, TLB). Noah held his own course in life despite the corruption and violence around him. A Man For Surviving Disaster (Genesis 6:18-22)
God gave Noah specifications for a huge houseboat; an ark is a chest. In this case it would be three stories high, about 450 feet long and 75 feet wide. It had to be built on dry land, and most of the work was probably done under a bright sun. But this did not deter

the man of faith. God told Noah how the ark would be used to preserve his own family and other living creatures. Before the flood A PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE (Genesis 9:8-13)
Chapters 7 and 8 tell how the plans were carried out and how the rains came and the flood waters rose. Eventually the mountains were covered, and every living thing on the earth died. Flood level seems to have lasted 150 days; in another month the mountain tops could be seen, and three months later the earth was dry enough for walking. Then Noah led his family and the animals out of the ark.
After Noah made a sacrifice, God talked to him and his sons, promising never again to bring a disastrous flood to the whole earth. In this case, "covenant" was a promise rather than an agreement between two parties. As a token of that promise God pointed to a rainbow. It was a symbol of grace. Although a wicked population had been destroyed, God realized that mankind is inclined toward selfishness and evil from early years (8:21). He would use some other means to be both just and merciful.

Peace With God

By Bill Duncan
Job 42
The hilarious comedy, *Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines*, spoofs the pre-World War I German army. The Prussian colonel is alarmed that the pilot of his primitive airplane is too ill to fly in an important international race.



Then I shall fly it," says the colonel. "How will you learn?" asks the writhing pilot. "The way any German officer learns anything," he snaps. "From the book of instructions!"
Job started this whole thing with the book of instructions, to which he strove to remain loyal over the protests of his friends. He finished it, chastened and enriched, not with answers, but with faith; not with more instructions, but in fellowship with the instructor.
Job's perspectives are now in order. He knows that God is in his heaven, all's right with the world, "that God is still King of the universe," and he cannot help marveling at the greatness of it all. The speeches of Job end in a confession of faith, "I believe!"
The tragedy of tears and torture reaches a victorious climax. Job suffered the pain of the body and the mind, but he never lost his faith. God was able to bring him out of winter into spring.
Job's problem had been alienation. His solution was reconciliation. But this reconciliation which brought peace with God did not come about through Job's power of goodness, but through the grace of God. Job had learned that a man may suffer the loss of all things and yet be sure of the love of God.
God did not answer Job's question about his suffering. He has shown Job his "Godness." This leads Job to confess. (1) He acknowledges God's right and power to be God (42:2). (2) He confesses in humility that he had spoken out in turn, made pronouncements he had no right to make (3-4). This is what God had said in Job 38:2-3. It seems God's words had become his words. (3)

He realizes the presence of God (42:5). Up to this point all the academic discussion about God had only been the "hearing of the ear." But when God revealed himself — personal encounter — Job was moved to self-abhorrence and repentance "in dust and ashes." Repentance on the part of Job was the acknowledging that he had falsely accused God of unconcern and injustice. Now he knows how wrong he had been.
Jesus Christ told a story of a certain man — a tax collector, a renegade — who went to church. The people of that day did not think that this man had the right to go because he was so bad. He went because he had to have help, and nobody could help him except God. When he got to church, he heard the Pharisees fill their prayers with egotism. But this penitent sobbed out the prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner." He stepped out into a new world as a new man.
Reconciliation is the restoration of man to the position of peace with God. Jesus promised peace. Those who put their trust in God "have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). Peace with God means peace with one another: "For he is our peace, who has made us both one" (Eph. 2:14).
Job came to peace with God while still in physical pain and severe distress, when he repented of littleness and lack of faith. The healing of the soul is shown when one trusts God whose existence is more important than his health. The blessing of beholding God is more important than freedom from troubles. A deep personal fellowship with God is very important.
God permits human sorrow only that some good, greater than the sorrow, may result. When Job humbly replied, "Thy will be done" heaven opened up and

showed him from above.
"The Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he prayed for his friends." The victory of Job is fundamentally a victory of prayer. God spoke to Eliphaz the Temanite and told the three friends to bring an offering and Job would serve as the priest for them. The friends brought the offering to Job with confidence and it "lifted the face of Job."
Peace with God brought peace with the fellowmen. Job could not be indifferent to the needs of his disappointed and misguided friends. When he began to pray for them they experienced joy and were forgiven. Job learned the value of praying for others. He discovered that he could help others by his prayers.
Along with the answer to his prayers for his friends there came the God-given extras that he never expected. He received twice as much of this world's goods as he had before the tragedies.
What does the conclusion of the epilogue mean? It means that God always gives us more than life can take away, though not always the same things that have been taken away. What happened to Job was the enlargement of his life, the enrichment of his spirit, the deepening of his compassion, the broadening of his sympathies, and the heightening of his trust.
Job was restored. Many a person like Job who has sat on the heap of despair in humble acceptance has encountered God. What Job received was not "his just due," but the grace of God.
Peace with God is the confidence that between man and God there is no war. It is the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted. Peace is knowing that God knows all about us.
One can have peace with God and still suffer. Trust and faith brings peace. When one comes to the point of no return, no right,

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When a student who can't tell a subject from a verb writes a poem that raises a tear in your eye. When a student says, "Thank you for trusting me and helping me." When a student squares his shoulders and says, "I really made a big mistake that time. I was dead wrong."
For all these behaviors indicate that learning is taking place. It is a learning that may not immediately make his English or journalism grade higher, but will make all the rest of his life higher. To be sure, learning that you judge a person, not a classification of people (teachers), not a race (white) is a slow process, but it releases many tensions and clears up many frustrations.
To learn to be able to apologize is great, but not nearly so great as learning to be able to admit to yourself that your behavior really was that bad and that your relationship to someone else is important enough for you to apologize.
To learn that difficulty in one area of study need not keep you from trying in another, and achieving, improves self-image and increases self-confidence. It doesn't do a sense of achievement any harm, either.
Learning to accept the trust of a person who goes out on a limb for you and being true to that trust enriches a relationship and makes for becoming trustworthy more often.
Learning to be able to look at a mistake, even if you do cringe and flinch and want to withdraw from it, and to recognize it as your own is a step in learning to accept responsibility for your own actions.
As important as it is to reach subject matter, every true teacher shivers a little from joy when she feels she has indeed had a part in a bit of higher learning than textual matter.
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Guest Day At Clarke October 4

"Providing a Basis for a Meaningful Life" is the theme for Clarke College 1975 Fall Guest Day, set for Saturday, October 4, with high school Seniors and Juniors invited as honor guests.
Clarke College alumni also will be welcome guests on campus for the day. Two classes, the Class of 1965 and the Class of 1970, will be featured in reunions. Carey Winters, now of Louisville, Kentucky, will preside over the Class of '65 meeting and Glenn Shows, currently enrolled in New Orleans Seminary, will direct the Class of '70 activities.
Guests who will travel 100 miles or more are invited to spend Friday night at the college. These overnight guests are asked to furnish their own linens and it will be a helpful courtesy for them to notify the Office of Public Relations of plans to arrive on Friday.
Friday night's entertainment will be in the form of a student talent show at 7:30 in the Lott Fine Arts Building.
Saturday's schedule will begin with registration, open from 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the College Library.
There will be a general assembly at 10:30 when guests will be greeted by Dr. W. L. Compere, Clarke College President, Bobby Belew, SBA president, and Mr. Melvyn Jolly, Clarke's Director of Alumni Affairs and Student Enrollment.
All visitors will be guests of Clarke for lunch in the College Cafeteria, serving 11:15 a.m. thru 1:15 p.m.

Texas Baptists Pick Assistant To Executive

DALLAS (BP) — Lloyd Elder, pastor of Gambrell Street Baptist Church, Fort Worth, has been elected assistant to James H. Landes, executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board.
Elder, who is completing his second term as chairman of the Texas Baptist Executive Board, will assist Landes as a resource person and liaison officer.

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Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record

Called To Pearson

Rev. Emerson Tedder, Jr. recently resigned as pastor of Macedonia Church, Brookhaven, to accept the pastorate of Pearson Church, Pearl.



A native of Vardaman, he is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

He and his wife, the former Carolyn Thompson, moved to Pearl on August 11. They have one daughter, Sheila.

Sandersville Homecoming

Sandersville Church will celebrate homecoming September 28. Rev. Donald J. Tisdale, their pastor from 1953-1956, and presently pastor in Wills Point, Texas, will bring the message at 11 a.m.

"Dinner on the ground" will be served following the morning worship service. Rev. Bruce G. Jolly is pastor.

Parkway, Pascagoula Plans Homecoming

Parkway Church, Pascagoula plans to have homecoming September 28. Activities of the day will include Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., morning worship at 11, dinner on the grounds, special music for the afternoon. Rev. Kenna Byrd is pastor.

Wildwood Observes

Johnson Day

Sunday, August 31, was observed by Wildwood Church, Laurel as "Johnson Day," climaxing the six and one half years of pastorate by Rev. Billy G. Johnson.

Following the evening worship service a reception was held in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Johnson and family at which time they were presented a silver service.

Visitors present for the occasion included the parents of Rev. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson and Mrs. Ora Smith.



Friendship, Grenada Calls Barnette

Rev. Sherman Barnette has accepted the pastorate of Friendship Church, Grenada. For the past four years he has been with the Billy Graham Film Ministry. He previously served as pastor of Pittsboro Church, Pittsboro.



He is married to the former Linda Marter of Grenada, and they have one daughter, Mandy, three.

Frank West of Batesville is music director at Friendship.

Bethel Honors

Pastor Burkes

Bethel Church, Leake County, held Pastor's Appreciation Day on September 7, to honor Rev. Lamar Burkes, their pastor since May, 1950.

During fifteen years at Bethel, Mr. Burkes has led in the remodeling of the building. New pews and pulpit furniture have been bought.

Rev. and Mrs. Burkes and their son, Greg, were presented a love gift, a plaque and a pantry shaver. Following a special service, lunch was served at the church. Charlie Stone, deacon, right, is pictured presenting the love gift and plaque to Mr. Burkes.

Revival Dates

Forest Hill, Jackson: September 27-28; Moody Adams, evangelist; Rev. Wilbur Irwin, pastor; services 7 p.m. Sat.; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sun.; Walter Campbell, music director.

Raymond Road, Jackson: September 28-Oct. 3; Rev. Gene Pritchard, pastor, Elliot Church, Camden, Arkansas, evangelist; Frank Stiedle, music evangelist; Rev. Robert McDonald, pastor; services at 7 p.m.

Easthaven Church, Brookhaven: Oct. 6-12; Dr. Robert S. Magee, pastor of Temple Church, Ruston, La., evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, Yazoo City, music evangelist; weekday services 7 p.m., Sunday 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Rev. Robert M. Hanvey, pastor.

OSOENO, Chile — Baptist church number 19 was organized with 57 members by the Baptist association in the city of Valdivia recently, reports Missionary William P. Andrews.

Missionary Battles Flood; Calls On God's Protection

NEUQUEN, Argentina — When heavy rains threatened once again to flood her home, Auburn (Mrs. Bruce A.) Romoser, Southern Baptist missionary here, braved the storm to shovel gravel and sand for dikes around her front door.

Her husband away and the children asleep, Mrs. Romoser rose during the stormy night to check the blankets placed around the doors to block the water. The electricity went out and the floors were wet.

After she moved furniture and other items to "higher ground," (the Romosers live in a two-story house), she grabbed a shovel and began to heap gravel against the front door and garage. Finished, she attempted to get inside, but found the fine rocks had lodged under the door and wedged it shut.

"Frantically, I pushed the gravel aside and gave the door a full



Carey Welcomes Youngest Student

Brittany Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brown, learns to count her pretty little fingers under the direction of Carey education major, Nancy Gavin. The scene is one of many in the Carey Early Childhood Development Laboratory's program for preschoolers. Little Brittany is three years old and is the youngest registered student on the Carey campus. At least one art student boasts an age of over 70 years—so the face of college education has changed when the span is from 3 to 70," commented director of the children's program, Mrs. Iris Brantley.

Devotional

The School Of Grace

By Charles Stubblefield, Pastor, Ecru
Titus 2:11-15

Attending school is one of the disciplines of life most people learn early. This discipline of training is to prepare one for living and for life's vocation. Such preparation and training is invaluable in the pursuit of life's fulfillment and enjoyment.



Paul explained to Titus that the grace of God, that bringeth salvation, has also appeared for the purpose of giving instruction to the believers. Believers should note.

THE APPEARANCE OF GRACE. Grace is usually defined as "God's unmerited favor." There is absolutely nothing man can do to bring forth the appearance of God's favor. God's grace appeared in Christ Incarnation; grace brought man's salvation by Christ's atoning death on Calvary; and grace procured redemption from all iniquity through Christ's shed blood. What God had brought to appear to all men is the gift of his Son that "whosoever" would believe in him should be prepared for life and for life's living. Believers should receive.

THE INSTRUCTION OF GRACE. The instruction of grace is stated both negatively and positively. Negatively, that the believer should deny or renounce all "ungodliness" or to deny all that would defy God and his purposes in man's redemption, and deny "worldly lusts" or the denial of all the sinful desires and evil impulses of the world. And, positively, that "we should live soberly" in right relation and fellowship with our fellowman; and "godly" with reverential awe and love toward Him who gave us so great salvation. Believers should await.

THE FUTURE HOPE OF GRACE. The working of grace in the life of the believer brings hope of the coming appearance of Jesus Christ. This hope is based on the personal promise of Christ, the preaching of Paul, and the patience of God. Believers should express.

THE REDEMPITIVE WORK OF GRACE. The redemptive work of God's grace can be evidenced by what God has done through Jesus Christ, and expressed in the life of the believer. God has redeemed a people from sin and iniquity. He has purchased unto himself a people for his own possession. He has purified a people "zealous of good works," for the Christian experience is not simply the deliverance from evil but also the willing and eager performance of good.

The school we attend has much to do with the quality of life we live. It will be that as we attend this school of God's grace we will reach our highest potential of learning and service.

Calvary, Tupelo Calls Jamison As Preacher To Deaf

Calvary Church, Tupelo, has called Jerry Jamison of Coldwater to preach to the deaf once a month. This young deaf man has attended Clarke College and Mobile Jr. College. Beginning September 28, he will preach to the deaf every fourth Sunday. The church will continue to provide an interpreter for all other services.

Under the leadership of Dr. Bob Ramsay, pastor, and Mrs. Sam Allen, coordinator of deaf ministries, Calvary is working with the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in its effort to provide worship services in sign language for the deaf.

Names In The News

Temple Church, Hattiesburg has licensed Dwain Donald Chatham to the gospel ministry. As a student in University of Southern Mississippi, he is active in Baptist Student Union. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chatham of Meridian. Rev. Kermit D. McGregor is pastor at Temple.



Michael McMahan, of Baton Rouge, La., has been named to the position of assistant professor of Biology at Campbellsville College, filling the position left by Prof. Beatrice Evans' retirement this spring. Mr. McMahan is originally from Batesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jere A. Wilson, missionaries to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 488, 29000 Vitoria, Espirito Santo, Brazil.

Dr. John H. Traylor, pastor, First Church, Gulfport, spoke at a morning chapel on the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Wednesday, September 3.

Steve Fondren has been named assistant pastor at Double Springs Church, Rt. 1, Maben. He attended Clarke College and is married to the former Ann Miley of Pearl. He is available for supply work. Rev. W. Carl Nickels is the pastor.

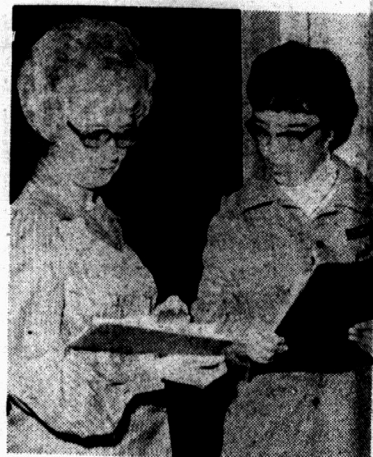


Fellowship Church, Ripley, has licensed William C. "Bud" Reeves, center, to preach the Gospel. The church presented him with a one-volume commentary. This presentation was made by chairman of deacons, Kenneth Carter, left the certificate of license was presented by pastor Roy R. Marshall, right. Mr. Reeves has enrolled in Blue Mountain College and is available for supply. He may be reached at telephone 837-4500, Ripley.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. W. Watts, missionaries to India on furlough, may be addressed at 2100 Woodmont Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. 37215.

Roy Antone Porter has enrolled as a freshman at the Clear Creek Baptist School, a theological school for adults, Pineville, Kentucky. A recent resident of Pascagoula, Mr. Porter was employed by the Litton Ingall's Ship Building Company. He is married to the former Martha Marie Wilson of Pascagoula.

Gary N. Nichols has resigned the position of minister of music and youth at East Side Church, Magee, to enroll in New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Nichols, the former Carolyn Hurt of Tupelo, is also enrolled. Both are available for student ministries in music and religious education.



Mrs. Eunice Bryant, left, former Mississippian and pioneer missionary for associational missions in Alaska, recently served as assistant vacation Bible school director at Ft. Richardson, Alaska. Mrs. Bryant is the wife of Hollis V. Bryant, director of missions for Chugach Baptist Association, Alaska. He is the former superintendent of missions for Jones County, Laurel, Mississippi. Mrs. Bryant trained the volunteer staff for classes from three years through second grade, and then served as supervisor for this staff, which taught 241 children of all faiths in the eight-day Ecumenical Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Bryant served under the leadership of Mrs. Fran Nichols, right, post director of religious education. Mrs. Nichols is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.



Rev. Lawrence Tapp, right, pastor of Bellehaven Church, Ocean Springs, reports the recent licensing of two men to preach the Gospel. Richard (Rick) Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Harris, has transferred from Gulf Coast Junior College to the Mid-Continent Baptist College at Mayfield, Ky. He has been active in the Bellehaven youth program.

Ray J. Campbell, left, age 76, was licensed on the 31st of August. He is a retired sea captain and aircraft pilot. He has been conducting worship services every Sunday afternoon noon for the past two years at Ocean Springs Nursing Home. He is now president of the Ocean Springs chapter of the Senior Citizens organization. He and Mrs. Campbell served as counselor and chaperones for a singing group from the Bellefontaine Church this summer.

The chairman of the Science Division of Blue Mountain College has co-authored a book entitled A Beginner's Exercise Guide for CVR Fitness. E. Leslie Knight, Ph.D., Tupelo, said the book is a guide that is being used by the participants of the Cardio-Vascular-Respiratory (CVR) Fitness Clinic of the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Ark. The book, which outlines the need for CVR fitness and the kinds of exercise that increase CVR fitness, is being published in cooperation with the Arkansas Regional Medical Program Grant, 1974. Co-author of the book is J. Boyce Davis, Ed.D., who is director of the CVR Fitness Clinic and associate professor of Anatomy and Physiology at the University of Arkansas.

Pearl River Calls Marvin Lee As Missions Director

Rev. Marvin K. Lee, director of missions of Calhoun Association for almost nine years, has resigned to accept a similar position in Pearl River Association.

During the tenure of Mr. Lee in Calhoun County, the growth in stewardship and missions has been phenomenal. The overall offerings of the churches have grown from \$333,354 to approximately \$860,000, and mission giving has increased from \$68,156 to approximately \$135,000. Total receipts for the associational mission program have grown from \$9,123 to approximately \$24,000.

Perhaps the greatest growth has been noted in the spiritual lives of the Baptists of Calhoun County. The Lay Involvement program has resulted in many laymen who can witness for Jesus anywhere and any time.

The association has gained national recognition because of its effective work with rural churches. A feature story appeared in Home Missions magazine, March 1973, concerning the work in the country. As a result of this, Mr. Lee received many invitations to speak on associational missions throughout the country. One of the invitations he accepted was from East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, where he was their first associational missionary to appear as guest speaker during their Mission Emphasis Week.

In Calhoun County, thirty young men have surrendered to the ministry, and Mr. Lee had a part in the ordination of most of them.

During nine years in Calhoun County, he has also helped to ordain approximately forty deacons. His love for, and his appreciation of the deacons led him to organize the first deacon organization on an associational level.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee are natives of Pearl River and Hancock counties. He is the son of the late D. C. and Sarah Breland Lee, and Mrs. Lee is the former Evelyn Powell, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. S. P. Powell, all of the Caesar Community.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Miss Rosalind Rinker, author and former Episcopalian missionary in China, was the guest speaker at the sixth annual convention of Argentine Baptist women.

Off The Record

An enterprising suburban housewife was all set to start a major housecleaning when her husband came to her in a state of consternation. "Laura," he exclaimed, "there are eight men outside with vacuum cleaners, and they all claim they have an appointment for a demonstration! What about it?" "That's right," his wife replied blandly. "Now you just direct them all to different rooms and let them start demonstrating." — Sunshine Mag.

While an intern was being taken through the orthopedic ward of a hospital, the doctor in charge tried to give him some insight into medical problems and said: "This man limps because his right leg is shorter than his left leg. What would you do in his case?" "Oh, the not-too-bright intern responded as he scratched his head, 'I'd probably limp too.'"

"Do you feel that you have influenced public opinion, sir?" the reporter questioned the politician. "Not really," was the reply. "Public opinion is something like a mule I once owned. In order to keep up the appearance of being the driver, I had to watch the way he was going and follow closely."

"I've been on a constant diet for the past two decades," says humorist Erma Bombeck. "I've lost a total of 789 pounds. By all accounts, I should be hanging from a charm bracelet." — Publishers-Hall Syn.

Victory, Jeff Davis, 90th Anniversary

Victory Church (Jeff Davis) will observe her 90th Anniversary on September 28.

Former pastors will be used in the services. Dr. Foy Rogers a former pastor, will be the afternoon speaker.

A basket lunch will be shared at noon.
Rev. James Lee Bailey is pastor.



TWELVE NEW MUSIC STUDENTS AT WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE were selected by audition to appear in the school's annual new student music recital. Posing above are the musicians who represent a wide variety of musical talent. Seated in front are: STEVE MASHBURN, Dothan, Ala., and MARSHA BRELAND, Hattiesburg. Standing at rear, left to right: JUDY WOMACK, Waynesboro; KITTY WHIDDON, Pensacola; SARAH PIERCE, Star; BELINDA LONG, Pensacola; FERN COLLETTI, Dothan; JOHN SAPP, Chipley, Fla.; KATHIE HAWKINS, Laurel; ELBERT CHARPIE, Pascagoula; PAUL CHANEY, Hickory; and TOMMY FOSTER, Louisville.